



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

TANAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/872,156

Filed: June 4, 2001

For: NEW IMAGE AGENTS PRECURSORS THEREOF AND METHODS OF
MANUFACTURING

Confirmation No: 8786

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Michael G. Hartley

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 19, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, Applicants elect Group I (recited in claims 1-14) and Group III (recited in claims 34-37). The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that the product claim will be examined along with the elected method use.


Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement, the Applicants elect, claim 14 as the species.

These elections are made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107380-00005.

Respectfully submitted,



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